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The soldiers' day at the Milwaukee exposition will be September 25th. It will be a great event, and a splendid success.

The Chicago board of trade feels better than it did Monday morning. It got badly frightened, and the "shorts" were in terribly hot water for twenty-four hours.

The Inter Ocean thinks there is an evidence that Chicago is rapidly advancing in artistic culture, because the pictures in the art gallery of the exposition run to the nude.

S. W. Tallmage, of the Milwaukee board of trade, says he is now satisfied that his estimate made last May that the total production of wheat in the United States for 1883 would be about 400,000,000 bushels, is correct. He has received late advices from all the state agricultural departments, and their reports are such as to corroborate his figures. This is about 25,000,000 bushels less than last year. But Tallmage may easily be 35,000,000 out of the way.

Some one who knows the truth in regard to the matter, says that the democratic candidate for governor of Iowa is not a judge, but plain Mr. Kinne. He tried to be a judge once, but failed by a large majority. Well, what are the odds? He accepted the empty honor of being the democratic candidate, just for the little reputation there is connected with it, and if we can get the title of "judge" fastened to his name, he will regard himself as being handsomely paid for being defeated.

The moral fatality that has attended the discoveries of silver mines has been very forcibly shown up by the Chicago Times, and the suggestion of that paper is not without its value. It says "there is something corrupting about silver mines. Look at the career of some of the men who have struck it rich in the silver region. There was Tabor. After getting rich he got tired of his wife, who had stood by him through years of poverty; trumped up some reason for a divorce, obtained it, and married another whom Dever society, it is said, refuses to countenance. The case of Fair was similar. One of the owners of the Comstock mine, he became worth millions, whereupon it suddenly occurred to him that the wife who had been the partner of his former poverty was not exactly qualified for the position his silver had purchased him. He got rid of her by giving her a generous slice of his wealth. Sharon, another silver king, has been the central figure in another domestic scandal, and a day or two ago he was arrested in San Francisco on a charge of adultery."

The experience of Tom Murphy, ex-collector of the port of New York, is the experience of very many who indulge in too much politics. He has told his story to an old friend, who made the remark after hearing it, that it ought to be published as a warning against too rash indulgence in the kind of politics which is bewitchingly seductive, and leads many to hopeless disappointment and to financial distress. For years past he has been free and candid in loudly attributing his financial difficulties to politics. He has often been heard to say that he would now be a millionaire if he had nothing to do with politics. But if Tom Murphy has been unfortunate, it has been because his greed was too unbounding, and his politics too elastic and loose. If he had carried with him in his business and politics a little firm integrity, he would have succeeded much better. He may not have been exactly a millionaire as compared with some in New York, but he would have had plenty and some to spare, and that which is still better, a reputation which commands the respect of his fellow citizens throughout the country.

In answer to the State Journal's table on the first appearance of frost each year since 1856, the Gazette called attention to the error in regard to the frost of 1875, which the Journal's table gave as coming on the 2d of October, whereas it came with considerable severity on the 22d and 3 of August. We now notice that Mr. Simeon Mills, of Madison, supports the Gazette in this matter and writes to the Journal as follows:

"It is perhaps a little unfortunate for mankind that much of their history is made up of guesses at facts. Of all the bungling guesses that go to make up history, the above is a sample specimen that would not be creditable to even a half-bred Yankee."

"If you will turn to the State Journal of Monday, Aug. 23, 1875, you will find it there recorded that on the mornings of the 22d and 23d of August a universal frost had destroyed nearly all the crops throughout the country, so that the damage was estimated by the tens of millions of dollars, and everybody then living remembers it, except this 'paint-braking observer,' and he guesses the first frost that year was on October 2d, 1875. To my certain knowledge several other dates given in the above are but little nearer the truth."

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Who is the Prettiest Girl in America?

Is a question that would perplex a congress of connoisseurs assembled to nominate the most beautiful. But such an ensemble would not be surprised to learn, that the most charming of their sex, on this side of the Atlantic, enhance the beauty and preserve the soundness of

their teeth with sozodont, since everybody knows that the ladies prefer it to any and all dentifrices. Let no man say after this, that women lack judgment.

RAILWAY CRASH.

Collision of Passenger Trains on Long Island.

Two Persons Almost Instantly Killed and Eight Wounded--All owing to Somebody's Mistake--Account of the Accident.

New York, Sept. 12.—A serious accident occurred on the Long Island railroad, near Hunter's Point depot, by which two men were killed and eight injured. The Flushing train, leaving Hunter's Point, when at Moon tank junction, about eight miles from the depot, was run into by the Manhattan Beach train due at Hunter's Point at 6:35 p.m. The latter train was several minutes late, and the engineer should have stopped east of the junction until the Flushing passed. The two locomotives came together near the switch. The Flushing train consisted of four passenger coaches and a combination car, each of which was full of passengers. None of those were injured. The engine and tender, however, were badly broken up. The engineer of the Flushing train, Ernest Kretzner, remained at his post, breaking down his train, and received slight injuries. The Manhattan Beach train consisted of seven ordinary cars and one parlor car, the latter next to the engine. At the time of the collision this train was running at the rate of thirty-five miles per hour. The engine was not greatly damaged, but the parlor car was telescoped by the car behind. All the cars were crowded, many persons standing on the platforms. Most of the occupants of the parlor car having been alarmed by the "singing" of escaping air from the air brakes, escaped from the car by the door and windows. The car apparently broke in two about the middle, and the platform car behind crashed through about the same distance. The man chair in the back part of the car were smashed and piled on top of the others.

Wedged in between the platform of the second car and the floor of the parlor car, were, on one side, Thomas Birmingham, of 105 East Houston street, and on the other, Robert Smith, of 185 East Eighteenth street. It was found necessary to cut away the platform and wood-work with axes to get the men out. Their legs were so crushed that amputation was necessary. They died very soon after the operation. The bodies were then removed to the Long Island dead-house to await an inquest by the coroner. The injured, so far as ascertained, are:

Thomas Gleam, the engineer of the Manhattan Beach train, cut about the head and shoulders; Mr. Morris, 1702 Locust street, Brooklyn, stopping at the Albemarle street, New York, leg cut off; George Wright, residence unknown, serious cuts on face and lip; Mr. Lawrence, New York, cut on head; Leslie E. Slawson, No. 110 West Twenty-third street, New York, cut and bruised about the head and body; W. Connor, No. 500 Third avenue, New York, cut on head and body; Vernon Barton, West Thirty-fourth street, New York, large splinter in leg; Bank Manhattan, of Haymarket, cut on head.

Among the passengers who escaped injury were State Senator Justin McCarthy, Harry Mann, late of Avery's theatre, Barney Aaron, and a large number of sporting men returning from the races at Coney Island. Mr. Smith, who was killed, was a ticket seller for Kelly & Bliss at Sheepshead bay.

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Some Tired.

RACINE, Wis., Sept. 12.—Dennis & Snyder, proprietors of The Racine Evening News, after having run that paper an even week, have sold it to parties from Chicago, who will move the plant to that city. The publication of The Racine Evening News has therefore been discontinued.

Wisconsin State Fair.

MADISON, Wis., Sept. 12.—The Wisconsin state fair opens very successfully, and promises to be the largest ever held in the state. The entries in all the departments are very large, and are still being made. The annual address was delivered by President Pratt, of Racine.

Pay Its Regular Dividend.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The executive committee of the Western Union company has recommended the payment of the regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent. The earnings for the quarter ended September 30, it is stated, will show a surplus of \$10,000.

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NATIONAL CROP REPORT.

Figures as to the Condition of Corn--The Late Freeze.

WASHINGTON CITY, Sept. 12.—September returns to the department of agriculture indicate a lower condition of corn than in August in every section of the country, and in nearly every state. The only gains in the west are in Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, where a slight improvement is indicated. Minnesota stands as in August, Arkansas has gained a gain of one point, and Georgia and Alabama remain as in August; but all the other cotton states show a heavy decline. The figures are also much reduced for each of the middle states. The corn surplus states show changes as follows: Ohio, reduction from 80 to 82; Michigan, reduction from 85 to 88; Indiana, reduction from 80 to 85; Illinois, reduction from 80 to 84; Kansas, increased from 90 to 101; Nebraska, increased from 84 to 87; New York, declined from 90 to 89; Pennsylvania, declined from 99 to 89.

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Telegraphic communication with state agents up to 3 o'clock shows that the recent frosts damaged corn north of the forties parallel. The Ohio agent places the injury in that state at 20 per cent. The Indiana agent estimates the loss at 10 to 20 per cent in the northern section and 5 in the middle belt. The loss is heavy in Wisconsin and Minnesota. There is also some injury in New York and Pennsylvania. While the damage can not yet be clearly determined, it is certain that the frosts have already reduced the general average below 80, though much of the heaviest corn of the west is beyond serious injury.

The condition of wheat where harvested, reported in these returns, averages \$3, which indicates a product of 17 per cent less than the yield of last year, or a loss of \$6,000,000 bushels. The crop of oats will be large, the general average being 90. The promise for potatoes is good, and is represented by \$3, three points higher than the reported average in September, 1882.

RANDALL IN A BOX.

The Ex-Speaker and Speaker Ex-pendant in the Jury Box.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 12.—At the court of quarter sessions, Hon. Samuel J. Randall, having been drawn on the jury, made his appearance and answered promptly to his name. When everything had been arranged District Attorney Graham walked over to him and smilingly said: "Well, Mr. Speaker, I see that we are to have the honor of your service."

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Will Show a Decrease.

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Yellow Fever.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—A dispatch from Pensacola, dated the 10th, says that all patients in the navy yards and hospitals are convalescent. No new cases.

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Terrible Boiler Blow-Up at Cleveland, Ohio.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 12.—At 3 o'clock p.m., two of a battery of four boilers at blast furnace No. 1 of the Cleveland Rolling Mill company, in the Eighteenth ward, exploded with terrific force. The boiler house and engine house were totally demolished and a portion of the boilers was thrown a distance of over five hundred feet. Nearly a score of men were at work in and around the furnace, and strange as it may seem, but four of them were seriously injured. Furnace No. 1 was not running at the time of the accident, having been blown out for repairs, but the boilers were used to generate steam for another furnace. When the explosion occurred, the firemen, George Chapke and Wm. Miller, were in the act of putting coal into the furnace. Engineer James Clineck had just stepped down from the top of the boilers, and John Schindelus had started to leave the fire-places with a barrow of charcoal, while John Rawley was approaching the firemen with a barrow of coal. The men were startled by a whizzing sound, followed by a dull report, and the next instant the air was filled with steam, carbon, scalding water and brick. The walls of the building tottered and fell and the iron roof came down with a crash. The engineer and firemen emerged from the cloud of steam and dust apparently uninjured. Rawley limped out soon after considerably damaged about the head and limbs. Schindelus was found lying under the iron roof and brick. He was extricated from the ruins and taken in a carriage to his home. He was badly bruised, and received internal injuries that will probably result in his death. William Miller was struck on the head and severely scalped about the body. George Cope received two scalp wounds and was badly burned about the face. Rawley was seriously scalped and wounded about the face, back and limbs. The buildings were damaged to the extent of \$15,000. The cause of the explosion was attributed to expansion and contraction.

YE GENTLE COWBOY.

How Eight of Him Painted a Western Ranch Red.

DENVER, Sept. 12.—A bloody affray occurred at the McLain ranch, Elbert County, Sunday night. Eight cowboys participated. The Ohio agent places the injury in that state at 20 per cent. The Indiana agent estimates the loss at 10 to 20 per cent in the northern section and 5 in the middle belt.

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Rooms to rent over shoe store on Main street, inquire of John Monaghan.

For all kinds of furniture, cheap, call at Ashcraft's.

All styles of chamber suits at Ashcraft's.

If you want to buy a good Rock county farm, or a good house and lot in the city of Janesville, cheap, and be sure of a perfect title buy of H. H. Blanchard.

Job Work.

Owing to the large demand for the Crown mowers and reapers, and Prairie city seeders, we are compelled to increase our facilities for manufacturing them, and in so doing we find it extremely inconvenient to do jobbing and repair work.

We therefore offer for sale the good will of our jobbing business, established twenty-five years, together with a large lot of patterns, lathes and planes suitable for that kind of work. We will arrange to furnish power if desired.

This is a rare opening for a couple of industrious and enterprising mechanics. For full particulars enquire at the office of the Janesville Machine company.

Ladies' and children's underwear at Chicago prices at Chicago store.

The largest assortment of fancy dry goods ever in Janesville, consisting of over five hundred styles of lace and linen collars, Silk and muslin fiches and ties. Jewelry in pins, drops and cuff buttons. Hair, nail and tooth brushes. Silk, linen and cambric handkerchiefs. Fine pearl buttons. Hand satchels and pocket books, and all kinds of fancy goods. The above are the complete sample line of goods from Calhoun & Robbins', of New York, who are acknowledged to be the best specialty-house in America. This line of goods will be sold at positively wholesale prices, at Anchors' Raro's.

Extra heavy Gorham tableware—worth 85 cents only 50 cents at Chicago store.

And still they come. Another arrival of goods this morning at the second hand store of Saborn & Canniff, 58 North Main street.

The "dumcks" cigars have won for themselves a state reputation, and are unequalled for quality. Ask for them.

Fer Sato—Residence of Captain H. A. Smith, on Jackson street, for sale cheap for cash. Inquire of Dimock & Hayner.

J. Thompson & Son's genuine Norwegian plows, for sale by Kimball & Lowell.

One more car load of the celebrated Stoughton wagons just received, for sale and recommended by Kimball & Lowell.

"The Westminster," the leading base burner of the world. Kimball & Lowell, sole agents, Janesville.

New styles in ginghams and prints, at McKey & Bro.

Get rid of your corns and warts by using one of Stearns & Baker's corn pencils.

Croft & Whitton's essence of Jamaica Ginger is the purest and best in the market. 25 and 40 cents a bottle.

Call and see the new lace neckwear and fancy goods, at McKey & Bro.

J. L. Ford, West Milwaukee street, has the finest line of smilings in the city.

Fine quality of laundered shirts at \$1.00 each, at McKey & Bros.

Stoddard's buffalo meat the great health drink, at Palmer & Steven's drug store.

Inks.

Including Arnold's, David's, Stafford's, Sanford's, Carter's, Hyatt & Worden's and French and American copying inks. Also a fine variety of fancy and indelible inks. For good inks call at Sutherland's bookstore, east side the river.

A fine line of medicated and toilet soaps at Croft & Whitton.

Just see those beautiful shape novelties Heimstret has just received.

You can save money on a good winter suit at J. L. Ford's, West Milwaukee street.

Croft & Whitton keep all the patent medicines.

Smoke the famous Snack cigar.

Special offers in perfumes, face powders, and toilet goods at Heimstret's for two weeks.

John Monaghan has just received a large stock of fall boots and shoes, that will be sold at prices less than ever appeared in this city.

Extra inducements offered to the insurance public at office of J. G. Saxe.

Before renewing that policy of yours get prices of J. G. Saxe.

We have the best line of complexion oil in the city. S. & B.

Thomas' Electric Oil, sold and waranted by Prentice & Evenson, druggists.

Go to Palmer & Steven's drugstore for Humphrey's Homeopathic Specific.

Paris green, heliotrope and insect powders, at Prentice & Evenson's drugstore.

Stearns & Baker still keep the lead on soap water.

Refrigerators and summer goods, at cost at Green & Rice's.

Half Catarrh Cure is sold by Prentice & Evenson, opposite the postoffice.

Snor—and step in and take a look at the combination spring bed mattresses at R. H. Morris, opposite Myers' opera house.

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Hard coal still sells for eight dollars a ton.

No frost that could do any damage was seen this morning.

September smiles in day-time, but wears a chilling frown at night.

Mrs. George W. Snow, of Chicago, is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. N. Smith.

A large delegation of Janesvillians went to Madison this morning to take in the state fair.

Mrs. Major F. F. Stevens and Mrs. H. W. Collins, reached San Francisco safely and in good health, on Monday, the 3d instant.

Young Dean who escaped from the Industrial school at Waukesha, was returned to that place this afternoon, Marcella Hogan having the boy in charge.

Mr. Edson Burdick, who is connected with the pension bureau, at Washington, has returned home with his family, and will spend a month at the old home stead.

Mr. R. M. Bostwick started this morning for New York and Boston, where he will purchase a large stock of ready-made clothing, for the coming fall and winter trade.

The Hon. J. H. Earhart of Shullsberg, an old settler and a prominent democratic war-horse, was in the city today. He says that frost made sad work of the corn in Lafayette county.

Mr. J. M. Bostwick and wife will start for the east to-morrow morning. Mr. Bostwick will go to New York city and purchase a fall stock of goods, and Mrs. Bostwick will visit her old home at Utica.

The dime entertainment at the First Methodist church this evening under the auspices of the young ladies working club, should have a full house. The proceeds will go toward paying for a new organ for the church.

The Oshkosh Northwestern says: "S. Beckwith, proprietor of the Grand hotel at Janesville, was in town last evening on a flying business trip. Beckwith says he is doing a snug little business and making some money."

Mr. H. A. Skavlen will leave this evening, for Cherokee, Iowa, where he will engage in business with his brother-in-law. Mr. Skavlen is a wide-awake, enterprising man, and will no doubt make a success in his new venture.

A number of the intimate friends of Mrs. Lewis Trampe assembled at her home on North Main street, last evening, and participated in the celebration of her birthday. The party was quite a large one, and all spent a pleasant evening in social amusement.

The Concordia society had a pleasant time at their hall in the Mitchell block last evening, and entertained their friends in a happy manner. There was a large number present, and the dance went merrily on until one o'clock when all retired to their homes.

The play of "Hobbies" should not have been cut last night, because there was not a packed house. The audience was a good sized one for Janesville, but not as large as Mr. Goodwin deserved. But that should be no excuse for cutting such a piece of comedy. We are informed that some of the finest parts were omitted. The comedy was too full of farce to be cut. The more of it the better.

Mr. Frank D. Kimball went to Milwaukee yesterday to receive instructions in the art of embalming. The Cincinnati school for embalming is now holding a session in Milwaukee, in which correct and thorough instructions are given. The enterprise in this direction of Mr. Kimball is certainly commendable, and doubtless will receive much valuable and needed instruction in the art of embalming.

One of our business men sent a postal card the other day to a firm in Chicago, but the firm were unable to read it or decipher the signature. They returned the postal card in a letter to the postmaster in this city, with a request that it be given to the person who sent it. With these was a letter addressed to the writer of the card, telling him in a very respectful way, that Horace Greeley was dead, and had been dead some time, so that there was nothing to be gained by imitating his handwriting.

Next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, the Rev. Horace Gates, will repeat his splendid dissolving view entertainment at Lappin's Music hall. The proceeds will go into the treasury of Christ church guild. The entertainment will prove a good one, as the collection of views is one of the best ever seen in this city. Tickets will be for sale at King's and Sutherland's book stores and Prentice & Evenson's. Tickets for four evenings, adults 75 cents; single admission, 25 cents. Children, 12 years and under, for four evenings, 30 cents; single admission, 10 cents. Doors open at 7:30.

This morning the convent building was connected with St. Patrick's church was sold by Sheriff Harper under a mortgage held by the Northwestern Mutual life insurance company. The claim of the company was \$6,436.19, and for this amount it was bid in by the St. Patrick's society. Father McGinnity went to Milwaukee to-day to make all necessary arrangements to secure the amount sufficient to satisfy the mortgage. Father McGinnity has accomplished wonders since he has taken charge of that church, and of course will succeed in his mission to Milwaukee to-day. When this matter is settled St. Patrick's society will be in excellent financial condition.

The delegates from the several fire companies met at the west side engine house last evening for the purpose of nominating candidates for the office of chief engineer of the fire department, chief engineer by the resignation of Chief Orr. The meeting of delegates was perfectly harmonious, and First Assistant Engineer James Foster was nominated for chief by acclamation; Thomas

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Mahon, the present second assistant, was unanimously nominated for first assistant, and A. W. Bauman, the present foreman of engine company No. 1, was nominated for second assistant engineer by acclamation. The nominations will be unanimously ratified at the meeting of the department on to-morrow evening.

Our music people have not forgotten J. C. Fillmore, who once taught music in this city, and from here went to Milwaukee. He has written a book called the history of piano-forte music, and is published in Chicago. It is a pretentious volume, and has demanded a vast deal of labor and study. He makes a strong plea for classic music and considers the other kind of little account. Those who agree with Mr. Fillmore's way of thinking, consider the work one of the best that have ever been written on the subject. But it will take a thorough scholar in music to enjoy and fully comprehend the mass of matter. Mr. Fillmore has crammed in the 245 pages that embrace the volume. Everybody who knows the author will at once admit that he is well qualified to deal with the technique of the piano-forte. He is perfectly at home in that particular branch of music.

THE TEXT BOOKS.

An Interesting Interview with School Commissioner Atwood.

HIS OPINION REGARDING THE CHANGE OR READER.

Last evening a representative of the Gazette met School Commissioner Atwood, and, after the accustomed salutation, drew that gentlemanly official out in a conversation about the proposed change in school books, which, we think, will be of interest to our readers. We therefore publish the interview as it occurred:

I understand the board of education are talking of changing the series of readers in the public schools?

Well, yes; there is some talk about making a change.

What have the board done about it?

At the last meeting the president appointed a committee on text books, and they are examining several kinds of new readers?"

"Who wants to make the change?"

"Well, everybody except the parents, who buy the books for their children, and the bookstores."

"But I understand you have an offer to exchange the old books for new ones?"

"We have for all books in use in the city schools and all new books in the book stores. But you see the book stores will not sell any to speak of for the next year; but at far that they will sell more, because there will not be any old books on the shelves at home for the young children when they are ready to commence going to school, or advance from one reader to another."

"What do you think of the change?"

"I think we need it bad enough for the children, for many of them know the old books almost by heart, and there ought to be some improvement in a new set of readers over our old set which have been in use over ten years, and I think the public would all think the same if they would take a set of these new readers and compare them with the old ones. I shall vote for a change unless there is more opposition from the next year; but at far that they will sell more, because there will not be any old books on the shelves at home for the young children when they are ready to commence going to school, or advance from one reader to another."

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